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SUBJ: SOVIET OFFICIAL OF USA INSTITUTE REACTS TO SHOOTING OF  
SOVIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEE

AT OCT 4 RECEPTION, EMBASSY SCI OFFICER WAS ASKED BY YEVGENIY  
SHERSHNEV OF THE USA INSTITUTE, ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, FOR DETAILS OF  
THE SHOOTING INCIDENT IN WASHINGTON INVOLVING A SOVIET EMBASSY  
EMPLOYEE. SHERSHNEV SAID HE HAD HEARD OF THE INCIDENT BUT WAS  
ANXIOUS FOR DETAILS OF WHERE EXACTLY IN WASHINGTON THE SHOOTING  
HAD TAKEN PLACE. HE SAID HE HAD LIVED SEVERAL YEARS IN WASHINGTON  
IN THE EARLY 60S WHEN SUCH INCIDENTS WERE MUCH LESS FREQUENT.  
SHERSHNEV COMPLAINED AT LENGTH ABOUT THE HIGH CRIME RATE IN  
THE U.S. HE RAMBLED ON AND ON, BUT CONCLUDED BY STATING  
THAT STEPANOV WAS ONLY A CUSTODIAN AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY  
AND THE SHOOTING WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.  
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